

Top Germans crack

twice

Wycombe W. 2, Rot-Weiss Rheine 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' two-goal victory margin did them no justice for they were continually on top and it would have been no surprise if they had scored six goals against one of Germany's top amateur clubs in a friendly at Loakes Park on Thursday night, writes Michael Knox.

Not until the last 20 minutes did Wycombe assert some of their authority. Until then they had had 90 per cent of the play but were still struggling in front of goal. Vince Faulkner missed two easy chances during the second half and generally looked unhappy form-wise.

The most dangerous striker on the field was Keith Searle, who in the 15th minute, rattled the woodwork with a devastating shot from 25 yards.

At the back, Bobby Royston and Charlie Gale were able to cope with the best that the Germans could offer although their inside-right Manfred Ruhr looked dangerous, despite lacking true support.

Just as it looked as though the crowd would go home without seeing a goal, that

tricky goal-snatcher Keith Blunt came out of nowhere to nod a cross from the left past the helpless Forstmann in goal after 72 minutes.

Almost immediately Peter Suddaby came on for Keith Stephenson to the cheers of the crowd. And it was not long before he was in action. Picking up a clearance on the left, in the 82nd minute, he cut inside beating three defenders before slamming the ball into the net from 20 yards.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS:
O'Brien; Royston, Gale; Stephenson, Rundle, Blunt; Anthony, Thomas, Searle, Faulkner, Hutchinson.

ROTT-WEISS RHEINE: Forstmann; Kieselbach, Ungruh; Westhoff, Malon (sub.; Ziegler), Hassink; Rohmann, Ruhr (sub.; Butz), Reimann, Delters, Waltje.